Welcome to Shajara. This is your opportunity to promote emergency care related events happening in Africa. Every day on our continent, individuals and groups are involved in activities to improve either directly or indirectly, emergency care for patients. The goal is to develop the AfJEM community into a supportive, interactive network.

If you are involved in teaching, developing or supporting events in Africa write to Shajara about your activities. That way we can help promote your upcoming events to a wider audience.

Botswana Emergency Medicine Society

The Botswana Society for Emergency Care was recently registered and recognized as an official organization. The society was formed with support of emergency medicine specialists, nurses, and pre-hospital care providers with the goal of developing the speciality of emergency care in Botswana. The society will hold an inaugural meeting in early November.

For more information on how you can be part of the society contact the Chairman, Dr. Amit Chandra (amit.chandra@mopipi.ub.bw).

Recent events

The Tanzania National Nurses Association (TANNA) recently hosted their scientific conference and Annual General Meeting in Singida from 28–30 September. For more information on the organization you can contact tannanational@gmail.com.

The African Federation for Emergency Medicine (AFEM) executive committee elections were held on 17 November 2011 and a new executive committee was established. AFEM currently has individual members, three national Emergency Medicine societies (South Africa, Botswana and Tanzania) and one ex-officio society (Forum for Associate Specialist and Staff Grade Doctors in Emergency Medicine from the UK). If you have not become a member yet please visit www.afem.info and register.

Upcoming events

3. Mediconex Cairo Health 18–20 April 2012, Cairo, Egypt www.mediconex.net